

Letter from Gardiner Greene Hubbard to Alexander Graham Bell, June 28, 1876, with transcript

L.G.G.H. from D.H. Bates 1876 June 28 Telephone New York correspondence about also L. from G.G.H. to A.G.B. first expo on reel lines & exhibition at Centennial. To Gardiner G. Hubbard:—

Your letter of the 27th inst. to our President has been referred to me with instructions to provide such facilities as we are able to spare for the purpose of making the experiment in connection with A. Graham Bell's discovery.

I need not tell you that our wires are very closely occupied especially during the day time, except for a very short period of time. If you will kindly write me by return mail indicating what connections will be necessary to be made for the preliminary night experiments, I will arrange the matter at once. If the experiment should be made at our office, it would save you the expense for the local connections. (Signed) D. H. Bates Gen. Supt.

Dear Mr. Bell:—

Copy of answer to letter for free use of wires of At. & Pa. They will do everything you want. Don't hesitate in asking. I shall be at Phil. Saturday. Tell me if you want anything. I do not think the 4th of July will be a good day for your exhibition.

First, I noticed by some statements which were in your handwriting at Philadelphia, that you are a Britisher.

Second, the celebration on the 4th will not be at the Exhibition, but down town at Independence Hall.

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Third, It will therefore, I think, be more effective to have it on some other day. But, whatever you decide, on I will help you.

(Signed) Gardiner G. Hubbard.